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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) There are ten reserved forests in Vriddhachalam taluk."

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" விருத்தாசலம் தாலூகாவில் ஏராளமான காட்டுப் பிரதேசங்கள் இருப்பதால் அவைகளைச் சேர்ந்த தரிசு நிலங்களை ஏழை ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கும் பிற்பட்ட வகுப்பினர்களுக்கும் பயிர் செய்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் அனுமதி அளிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" காடுகள் இருப்பது வாஸ்தவந்தான். ஆனால் போதிய அளவு இருக்கின்றன என்று நான் ஒப்புக்கொள்வதற்கில்லை. காடுகளின் பாதுகாப்புக்குக் குந்தகம் இல்லாமல் 'கும்ரி கல்டிவேஷன்' என்ற முறைப்படி காடுகளையும் பாதுகாத்துக்கொண்டு அதேசமயத்தில் என்ன பயிர் செய்ய முடியுமோ அதைச் செய்வதற்கும் அனுமதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது."

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" 'கும்ரி கல்டிவேஷன்' முறைப்படி பயிர் செய்ய எத்தனை ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு அனுமதி கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பதை மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லமுடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" பயிர் செய்யக்கூடியவர்கள் எந்தெந்த வகுப்பினர் என்பதைப்பற்றி என்னிடம் தகவல் இல்லை."

Weavers' Co-operative Societies Conference

* 2095 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the resolution passed at the conference of the representatives of Weavers' Co-operative Societies in South Kanara held in January 1955 requesting the Government to introduce a housing scheme for weavers at Udipi and Nileshwar; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir. A copy of the resolution in question was, however, received by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras.

" (*b*) Two housing schemes, one for the members of Ammapet Weavers' Society and another for the members of Aruppukkottai Weavers' Society have been formulated. After watching the working of these schemes, the question of introducing similar schemes in Udipi and Nileshwar will be considered."

Repairs to the irrigation tanks in Kollegal taluk

* 2096 *Q.*—

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Hon. Member Sri S. C. Virupakshiah is not in his seat. The question and the answer will therefore be printed in the official proceedings? "

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the irrigation tanks in Kollegal taluk were last repaired; and

(*b*) the amount spent thereon?

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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Repairs to tanks have been and are being carried out whenever found necessary.

" (b) The amount spent from the year 1951–52 to the end of June 1955 is about Rs. 15,840."

Minor irrigation tanks in South Arcot district

* 2097 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Revenue department tanks taken up for repairs in South Arcot district under the Food Production Scheme in 1953–54;

(b) how many of them have already been repaired; and

(c) the total amount of expenditure incurred on such repairs in 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) 39.

" (b) Four have been *completed* : all the rest are in various stages of execution.

" (c) Rs. 1·10 lakhs."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMY THEVAR :—" May I know whether it is a fact that the Food Production department has been doing useful work in this State and if so, will the Government extend the life of the department for some more years? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" 1953–54 is the first year of this activity under the Special Minor Irrigation department. The department was temporarily suspended after partition. So, there was some delay in execution. Hereafter, it will have a fresh tempo and works will be speedily taken up."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Sir, it is a matter of common knowledge that there is difference in the maintenance of minor irrigation tanks and Public Works tanks. So far as South Arcot district is concerned, Public Works tanks are kept in good repair from year to year whereas several of the minor irrigation tanks are allowed to fall into disrepair. Will the Government come forward to take steps to see that several of the minor irrigation tanks which are in disrepair are properly attended to? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" This question does not refer to the ordinary Minor Irrigation department. This is a special department which was specially formed in order to carry out these works. So, if the hon. Member has got any grievance about the other department, he may put a separate question."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, may I know whether it is a fact that the Salaputhur tank in Nallanpillaipethal village has not been taken up by the Food Production department, and if so, will the Government see that it is also included immediately? "